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For: SCANNING COMPUTER FILES FOR SPECIFIED CONTENT

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,  
please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously  
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

40. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 39, wherein said one or more predetermined  
characteristics include a computer file containing an specified computer program.

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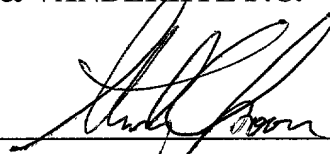
**REMARKS**

The above change is made to attend to typographical errors. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the change made to the claim by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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